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H IN DISCUSSIONS TODAY WITH DUHYTRU TRANCA, DIRECTOR,
DIRECTORATE FOR CULTURE AND
PRESS, MPA, HE INDICATED THAT
INITIAL EXCHANGE OF DRAFTS COULD TAKE PLACE IN LATE OCTOBER;
INITIALLY SUGGEST THE GOR MERELY WORK FROM USG DRAFT AND NOT
ISSUE DRAFT OF ITS OWN; REQUESTED THAT NEW DRAFT FOLLOW FORMAT
OF OLD AGREEMENT SO THAT IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR THE ROMANIAN
SIDE TO RESPOND AND SAID GOR WOULD PREFER HAVE NEGOTIATIONS
IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK IN NOVEMBER. IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE,
THEN SECOND WEEK IN DECEMBER.

2. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING TRANCA REVERSED HIMSELF AND
SAID GOR WOULD SUBMIT ITS OWN DRAFT, BUT THE
ONLY THING NEW IN THAT DRAFT WOULD BE SOMETHING ON THE
JOINT CELEBRATION OF THE ROMANIAN CENTENNIAL.

3. IN RESPONSE TO OUR STATEMENT THAT WE FELT IN GENERAL
NEW AGREEMENT SHOULD BE MORE REALISTIC AS TO ROMANIAN
CAPABILITIES, NOT TIED TO NUMBERS, AND ADMINISTERED BY THE
SEVERAL CONCERNED GOR AGENCIES RATHER JUST BY MINED, HE
AGREED ADDING THE CAVEAT THAT REALISM SHOULD BE SPICED WITH
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JUST A LITTLE OPTIMISM.

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